



The GREEN LEAF

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Ecofest 2010



Ecofest 2010 was September 18th

Ecofest (Eee-co Fest) is Arlington's outdoor environmental festival that connects area residents with vendors of do-it-yourself (DIY) products.

This year there were over 7,000 attendees, 45 vendors, and live



entertainment. A special thanks to Wal-mart and Republic for their sponsorship. Also, we should give thanks to UTA and Bell Helicopter for sending volunteers to help with the event.



Go Team! Green³ Award Winner



In the category of
Incredibly Effective
Education Tecniques

Dear Team, Eco Enthusiasts, Environmental Friends,

The North Texas Commercial Recycling Association bestowed us with the the Green³ award in the category of Incredibly Effective Education Techniques. And by "us" I mean all of the Green Team members. This award is a reflection of all of their hard work recycling, tracking, and reporting.

I'm including a picture of the award in this newsletter, but you can get an upclose look at it if you come to our next Green Breakfast. A zero waste breakfast with coffee will be served on October 14th followed by a tour of City Hall's new water efficient landscaping. You can RSVP by sending an e-mail to me. [Click here](#) and you are halfway there.

Let me close by saying, "Thank You" to all Green Team members and "Good Job." With the upgraded program and broadened scope of the Green Team I feel that more awards and recognition are in our future!

Tim Yatko

Commercial Sustainability Coordinator, City of Arlington

Green Breakfast: Thursday, October 14th City Hall Water Conservation ([Map it](#))



The City's Parks and Water Departments recently teamed up to upgrade the landscaping at City Hall. The water efficient landscaping uses a mix of Texas native plants to accent the building and conserve water resources. The City has plans to replace existing landscaping at the Central Library and the Municipal Office Tower this fall.

Come join us for coffee, juice, and muffins. You can RSVP by sending an e-mail to Tim Yatko. [Click here](#) and you are halfway there.

Got Facebook?



Are you a Green Team member? We'll like your page if you like ours! Just don't poke us!

T-Shirts

Need a shirt?

There are still Green Team shirts for Green Team members. If you don't have one yet, [let me know!](#)





Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

- Bell Helicopter
- The Sheraton - Arlington

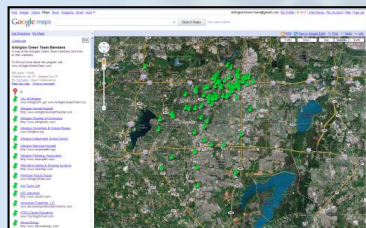
And All Members On the Map

You can find a full list of our members and links to their websites at:

www.ArlingtonGreenTeam.com

Click on "Our Members"

To view the new Google map for a snapshot of the Green Team, [click here](#).



Save the Date – Tuesday, Nov 16th

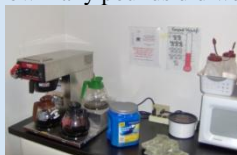


In cooperation with the Small Business Development Center and the City of Fort Worth, we will be having a half-day, "Green Your Business" workshop.

Public Works & Transportation Office Composting

We started a very informal office composting program last year in the common breakroom. We also tracked it. How many pounds did we collect in one year?

- A. 327 lbs
- B. 452 lbs
- C. 563 lbs



Email your answer and get a reusable lunch bag!

Bell Helicopter: Where Sustainability is Taking Flight

Bell Helicopter is on a mission: to work hand in hand with our fellow North Texans to protect the environment through sustainability and use today's resources wisely so that they can be there for future generations. The company has been a part of the greater Fort Worth area for more than 50 years and is committed to making a difference in our community.



Last fall, Bell Helicopter and parent company Textron Inc., created an initiative called Vision 20/15, to reduce energy use and waste by 20 percent by year 2015. In May, Bell Helicopter introduced Single-Stream recycling in its North Texas plants, meaning all recyclable consumer materials are placed in one receptacle instead of

separating material into separate bins. As a result, Bell has already diverted over 35 tons of consumer waste from area landfills with a goal of 1,250 tons annually.

Other environmental efforts include a weekly public resale of non-aircraft surplus materials. This year, Bell Helicopter has sold over \$1 million in scrap metals and materials for reuse and recycling. Additionally, large contingents of Bell employees carpool while a growing group of employees consistently use the Trinity Railway Express for transportation to and from work.

Bell Helicopter also focuses on energy consumption. For example, through a simple lighting retrofit and by adding timers in its Arlington facility, the company will decrease its energy consumption by 17 percent per year and its annual energy expenses by \$46,000, saving 946,080 kWh. Bell Helicopter has identified nearly 10 million kWh of energy avoidance in 2010 alone.



Bell Helicopter is committed to exceeding the Vision 20/15 goals to reduce all waste to make our company stronger and our community a better place to live.

The Mayor's Green Youth Awards – 2011 Sponsors Needed!

Make a lasting impact on Arlington youth! Sponsor the 2011 Mayor's Green Youth Awards (GYA) Program. Contact 817-459-6587 for more information.

